Mr. PRESIDENT.—We shall try.

Mr. B. MARULAPPA.—Has it not come to the notice of Government that in the Chitaldrug District, there is pressing need for land mortgage banks?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—The question of Chitaldrug also is under the consideration of Government.

Electrification of Sagar Town.

Q.—39. Messrs. H. SULEMAN KHAN (Kumsi Sub-Taluk) and Rattehalli RAMAPPA (Sagar Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any applications have been received for supply of electricity to the Sagar Town;

(*b*) whether any estimate for this scheme has been prepared;

(*c*) if so, what is the cost of the estimate;

(*d*) whether any estimate has been made as to what income would be realised by the extension of the electric line to Sagar Town;

(*e*) whether the road-side villages, such as Haranahalli, etc., situated within a radius of one to three miles from the main road would also be given electric lights?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) About Rs. 4 lakhs.

(*d*) Revenue anticipated is Rs. 21,000 per annum.

(*e*) As the revenue anticipated from Sagar itself is very low, this question does not arise now.

Mr. R. RAMAPPA.—With reference to answer (*d*), what is the minimum return that the department expects on the capital invested?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The department expects 15 per cent as a general rule. But if at least 10 per cent return is guaranteed to start with, the question might be taken into consideration as a special case.

Mr. R. RAMAPPA.—Will not the Government be satisfied with 8 per cent in the case of Sagar as a special case?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—No, not possible. It is a matter of business. Government must get the normal income on their investments.

Frontier Tolls.

Q.—40. Mr. Rattehalli RAMAPPA (Sagar Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Government are aware of the fact that goods from British India are being conveyed into Mysore State only by carts and not by motor lorries which cannot be used for want of transport facilities;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that, by levying double rates on out-going laden carts at frontier toll-gates, they are causing inconvenience to the export trade?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).—

(*a*) Goods are conveyed both in carts and in lorries.

(*b*) Double rates of tolls are not leviable on out-going carts at frontier gates.

Mr. R. RAMAPPA.—Are the Government aware that in the Bombay Presidency, tolls on bullock carts have been completely abolished?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—They have abolished toll-gates.

Mr. R. RAMAPPA.—Cannot the same thing be done in the State also?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—We cannot copy everything that is done elsewhere.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that tolls are meant only for carts?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—No, even for motor cars and other vehicles.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Will the Government abolish toll-gates at least in places where the income derived from them is very small?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The suggestion will be considered.